

Press Release



John Hoeven, Governor
Douglass A. Prchal, Director

1600 East Century Avenue, Suite 3
Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Phone 701-328-5357
Fax 701-328-5363

E-mail parkrec@state.nd.us
www.NDparks.com

For Immediate Release, Wednesday, February 16, 2005
For more information, contact Donna Schouweiler, 701-328-5358

Former Lieutenant Governor honored by State Parks Department

Former North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Rosemarie Myrdal, Edinburg, is the recipient of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's Cal Renner Award of Excellence. The award was presented to her last week during the agency's law enforcement training program in Bismarck.

The Cal Renner Award is the department's highest honor and recognizes individuals or groups whose long-term commitment to excellence has furthered the mission of the department, and benefited the state of North Dakota and their local community.

"Lt. Gov. Myrdal's commitment toward maintaining a quality park system exemplifies the spirit of the Award of Excellence," said Doug Prchal, director of the department.

Myrdal's contributions to the department span over 25 years, beginning in the early 1980s when she was instrumental in the creation of the Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association. The association was the driving force in the establishment of a Pioneer Heritage Centennial Project at Icelandic State Park near Cavalier. While serving as a state representative for her district, her accomplishments included support for state park centennial projects, Recreational Roads Fund legislation, the State Parks and Historic Sites Tourism Plan and associated funding, and enhanced tourism highway signing.

While serving as lieutenant governor from 1992 to 2000, she continued her advocacy for state park development, park programs and overall enhancement of North Dakota's system of state parks. Myrdal has remained active in the Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association and was recently re-elected its president. She also serves on the Preservation North Dakota Board of Directors and is the state's liaison to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.